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SUBJ: CONCLUSION OF COURT CASE ON MID-AIR COLLISION, SEPTEMBER 1976

REF: BELGRADE 2956

1. ZAGREB COURT, MAY 16, ANNOUNCED CONVICTION OF ONE FLIGHT CONTROLLER, GRADIMIR TASIC, FOR CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO COLLISION OF BEA TRIDENT AND INEX ADRIA DC-9 ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1976 IN AIR NEAR ZAGREB. ALL OTHER ACCUSED AIR CONTROLLERS AND THEIR SUPERVISORS WERE ACQUITTED ON GROUNDS THAT THEIR ACTIONS WERE NOT SHOWN TO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT. TASIC WAS SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

2. AS EXPLANATION OF COURT'S DECISION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION ON MAY 4, "IN INTEREST OF KEEPING BUSINESS SECRETS", YUGOSLAV JOURNALIST OFFERED OPINION THAT PART OF TASIC'S DEFENSE HAD TO DO WITH CONFLICTS BETWEEN MILITARY AND CONFIDENTIAL

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CIVILIAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT NOT LONG BEFORE COLLISION OCCURRED, PRESIDENT TITO FLEW FROM LJUBLJANA TO BELGRADE AND CONTROL OF HIS AIRCRAFT MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBILITY OF MILITARY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS. NO HINT OF ANY OF THIS HAS APPEARED IN PRESS.
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